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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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SHABAHANG, Shahrokh et al.	)	Examiner: Jana A. Hines
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Serial No.: 09/769,981	)	
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Filed: January 25, 2001	)	
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For: Method for the Evaluation of	)	
Implantable Materials	)	Pasadena, California

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Jennifer Hargis

December 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 7, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.